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FOLLOWING REPEAT RABAT 3135 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ABIDJAN

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SUBJ: U.S. DELEGATION MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LABIDI,
PRESIDENT ADB

1. MEETING HELD JULY 5 TO INFORM LABIDI STATUS SAHEL GRANT, VIS. CONTRIBUTION ADF AND AID LOAN. LABIDI INDICATED HIS APPRECIATION CURRENT SITUATION BUT STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO BANK AND FUND OF U.S. PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAMS OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS. MEETING WAS EXTREMELY HARMONIOUS REFLECTING GENERAL EUPHORIA OF VERY SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

2. ON SUBJECT OF GRANT FOR STUDIES FROM SAHEL FUND, HE ASKED WHETHER POSSIBLE TO INDICATE IN GRANT AGREEMENT THAT FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO ADB SPECIAL SAHEL FUND. THIS WOULD GIVE GREATER IMPORTANCE TO FUND AND ENCOURAGE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES. HE SAW NO REASON THAT THIS WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS AS LONG AS FUNDS UTILIZED FOR PURPOSES ORIGINALLY PLANNED. AGREED TO DISCUSS

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MATTER IN AID/W. HE ALSO INQUIRED POSSIBLE FURTHER ALLOCATIONS

FROM SAHEL FUND FOR PROJECTS PER SE UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS
WITH BANK.

3. DELEGATION WAS INFORMED OF FORTHCOMING MEETING PARIS OCTOBER
23 AND 24 OF ADF TO WHICH WOULD BE INVITED OTHER COUNTRIES NOT
CURRENTLY MEMBERS. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE TO OBTAIN
FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FROM MIDDLE EAST OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.
LABIDI WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. REPRESENTATION.

4. IN CLOSING LABIDI MENTIONED THAT THERE WOULD BE A TENTH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ADB IN ABIDJAN ON NOVEMBER 15,
1974 TO WHICH U.S. HAS BEEN INVITED.
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